

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A washing machine comprising:

a housing having a first opening portion;

5 a water tank which is placed within the housing  
and which has a second opening portion facing the first  
opening portion of the housing;

an unbendable door at least part of which can be  
accommodated in the housing and which is slid vertically  
10 against the housing to open and close the first opening  
portion of the housing; and

at least one spring for biasing the door upward  
and braking downward sliding of the door.

15 2. The washing machine as claimed in Claim 1,  
wherein

the spring is a flat spiral spring.

3. A washing machine comprising:

20 a housing having a first opening portion and an  
accommodating portion;

a water tank which is placed within the housing  
and which has a second opening portion facing the first  
opening portion of the housing;

an unbendable door at least part of which can be accommodated in the accommodating portion of the housing and which is slid vertically against the housing to open and close the first opening portion of the housing; and

5           a cover which covers a front face of the accommodating portion and which is attachable to and removable from the housing.